

CITY OF FREEPORT

OCTOBER 13, 2015 WORKSHOP MINUTES

I. Meeting Opened

The October 13, 2015 Workshop was opened by Mayor Russ Barley at 6:30 p.m.

Council members present: Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon and Councilwoman Jennifer Laird.

Staff present: City Clerk Gary Mattison, City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel, City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Parks & Recreation Director Dana Weiler and Water Supervisor Larry Tuggle.

II. Invocation & Pledge

The invocation was given by Councilman Farris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

III. Freeport Regional Sports Complex

Parks Director Weiler presented the following information:

- History of rain, lightning strikes
- Problems with fields, repairs and process for recovery
 - Repair irrigation systems
 - All ballfields aerated
 - Potash follow-up
 - Perennial rye over-seed
 - 225 yards of clay to rebuild infields
 - 40 yards of clay to build up low lying areas
 - Sand/mulch playground
 - Infields re-cultivated and re-cultured
 - New sod
 - Eliminate running track
 - Reconsider service contract with current provider
 - After ball season is over, over-seed again.

City Clerk Mattison stated that he was holding the last invoice received from Advance Lawn Care until resolution was reached.

The Council discussed the difference between fully contracted lawn service \$38,000 and staff doing it with volunteers at \$4,000. Councilwoman Brannon asked if the park could be closed so that the City's inmate crew could perform the labor. Weiler stated yes, that the park could be closed.

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IV. Meeting Adjourned

Mayor Barley called for a motion to adjourn the workshop. Councilwoman McLean motioned to adjourn. The workshop adjourned at 6:55 pm.

FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk